Camp Gund Kashmir,
28th August 1918

A.S.
Kindly note & bring to my notice any correspondence that may pass in this connection for perusal
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My dear Mr Venkat-Krishnaya,

I have received your letter of 9/10th Instant and the enclosed Memorial and have laid the same before His Highness the Maharaja.

In reply I am directed to say that His Highness feels every sympathy with you in the position in which you find yourself placed, but regrets that he cannot see his way to interfere with the decision of the Committee to retire you on pension. His Highness feels sure you yourself realise that you have reached an age at which you can no longer expect to be retained in the position of Head Master of an important and growing institution like the Maricalla Appa's High School which would tax the energies of a man in the prime of life.

As regards your pension I am to point out that the finances of Maricallappa's endowment do not presumably admit of the sum which you ask for being granted as a pension. Nor does it seem possible to comply with your request that an enhanced pension should be granted to you and that the extra amount should be made chargeable to the grant-in-aid paid by Government. There is no precedent for granting such a request. At the same time I am to assure you that His Highness is prepared to consider after your retirement and as an entirely separate matter the advisability of granting you a special pension from Government funds as a sort of Civil List Pension in recognition of your long & devoted service with the High School & the Public.

Yours sincerely,
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